



News Release

Community gets preview of New Advanced Chemistry Laboratory

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Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. – During a preview tour yesterday, members of the Edgewood community got the first glimpse of ECBC's new Advanced Chemistry Lab (ACL). The ACL is the only laboratory of its kind designed for working with the world's most super toxic compounds. It allows ECBC's world-leading scientists to conduct groundbreaking chemical research that will benefit our nation's warfighters on the field today and tomorrow.

While ECBC is having a formal dedication ceremony for the laboratory this October, members of the APG's Restoration Advisory Board and Army Alliance were invited to preview the facility up close and talk one-on-one with the scientists. Research chemists guided the group through their future workplace including laboratory suites for the research of physical properties, nuclear magnetic resonance, filtration sciences, decontamination sciences and agent fate.

"This laboratory is an incredible addition to the state of the art facilities at APG and will enable our scientists to continue their groundbreaking chemical biological research in support of today's warfighter and homeland defense." – Nicole Funk, APG's Army Alliance

The ACL moves U.S. defense capabilities a giant step forward. In addition to supporting ECBC's warfighter mission, the ACL allows ECBC to continue to serve the homeland security community as well as all federal agencies including the intelligence community, FBI, Department of Justice, and the Department of State



Dr. James Baker, ECBC Associate Director, guides members of APG's Army Alliance and Restoration Advisory Board through the new Advanced Chemistry Lab. Photo by Amber Sowards



Ann Butrow gives a demonstration in her new physical properties laboratory. Photo by Amber Sowards

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